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MISTLETOE.

HE poet-soul can see you, dear,
Lost in the maze of one short year,
Twining the mistletoe there.
Pensive and still hopeful and true,
While memory sweetly sings to you,
Soft and low as a vesper prayer.

And one away on life's strong sea,
Where manhood's ship rides high and free.
Peers out across the surging tide,
And hears the same sweet song, my dear,
That comes to you adown the year—
Looks out to you, his star and guide.

He sees you in the brilliant glow
Of Christmas, 'neath the mistletoe,
And breathes the perfume of your hair;
He loves you as he loved you when
He told you so, and kissed you then—
He sees you sitting, pensive there.

Then do not sigh again, my dear,
He loves you truly; never fear
That aught may wile his heart from you.
He'll come with one more Christmas day
And kiss your anxious tears away
As sunshine does the dew.

From out the half-light—almost gloom—
That grays the presence of your room,
He'll bring the light of long ago,
And with your head upon his breast,
In love's delight, and peace, and rest,
He'll kiss you 'neath the mistletoe.
—Woman's Home Companion.

THE XMAS STAGE.

THE weather was bitterly cold. Not such cold as the East laments when the thermometer sinks to zero, when the cable cars are chilly, and the furnace-heated houses not quite so overwarm as is their wont. But such cold as the Northwest encounters on the prairie, when the thermometer has frozen at forty degrees below zero, and men cease to reckon the increased iciness of the atmosphere.

The Bismarck stage, during the winter season that long-ago year, made but one weekly journey to Zenith City, and was due at its destination on Christmas Eve. Connor, the driver, possessed an endurance admired through all the frontier, and a reverence for certain ancient customs unsuspected by his closest intimates. Among the dugouts of the yearling town, and the infant Fort Fletcher, its neighbor, he knew that his arrival was anticipated with the sick longing that exiles feel for tokens from the distant homes where they fain would be. And he intended to arrive promptly for the sake of a package tucked into his safest pocket. A package on which an old lady down in Vermont had written shakily:

"To be opened on Christmas morning."

But to the ranchman, his host of the previous night, who prophesied a blizzard, he uttered this intention, minus sentiment:

"There will be no blizzard unless the wind changes," he said decisively. "We've got no passengers to kick about freezing their noses. Me and Morris have contracted to deliver our goods to-night, and if we don't do it you may look for us in a

THE STAGE WAS TRAPPED.

drift somewhere between here and the town when the job takes your fancy."

Morris, the express messenger, who was new to the frontier, grinned an enthusiastic assent. The ranchman declared gruffly that Connor trusted too much in his luck, and pressed upon them the loan of an extra buffalo robe each.

They set forth. The road was not bad, judged by prairie midwinter standards. The sky was a flawless sapphire, and the icy air, which whitened the flesh like hot iron where it touched, was forbidden access to any feature of these professional voyagers, except their well-trained eyes. They had a journey of six hours before them, without change of horses, but Connor opined that, with his cattle feeling as prime as they did, he might cut the record down to five.

Upon which Morris exclaimed that it would be a pity to shorten such a glorious ride.

Connor, however, vouchsafed no reply to this ignorant hardihood, except a glance which it was fortunate that his fur collar intercepted, as it conveyed a rebuke yet more scathing to youthful high spirits than Talleyrand's famous "point de zele."

They had been three hours on the way when, about noon, the messenger suggested that he would walk half a mile to warm himself a bit.

"Waste time, and the wind is changing," Connor answered briefly, and Morris was aware of a sudden thump at his heart. But he sought mutely to disregard it by thumping his chill hands.

An hour later Morris produced a flask, which his companion briskly snatched from his grasp.

"Not if I know it," he said grimly.

"I am near frozen!"

"You would be past thawing when we get to the town if I let you swallow this stuff now, lad!" Connor added with a gigantic slap on the messenger's bowed shoulders; "I don't propose to drive into Zenith City sitting beside a corpse—it would kind of spoil my Christmas dinner," Connor asserted, and Morris was silent.

A silence which the other ended by shaking him roughly.

"Wake up!" he exclaimed. "You are forgetting my last remark."

There was only an indistinct murmur.

Connor drew in his horses.

"Git down, you young fool!" he roared. "You are bound to have that tramp anyhow."

Then as Morris scrambled to his feet half asleep he ordered him again to descend.

"Run a hundred yards or so, as if you was sprinting," he commanded.

Stumblingly Morris obeyed at first, but as the stagnant blood stirred in his veins with the enforced motion his pace increased. A quarter of a mile further on he overtook the stage at racing speed.

"That is better," Connor said cheerily, as Morris prepared to climb back to his place. "No, you don't come up here, I'm tired keeping one eye on you when I want both for the scenery! Just take these robes of yours, and crawl inside among them mail bags. You will need more than an hour to freeze stiff under cover, and I reckon on getting to town within that limit."

A stage driver is as absolute a sovereign as a ship's captain, and travel was resumed upon these prescribed conditions.

Some time elapsed. A mass of clouds had risen in the west, through which the sun gleamed a fiery ball that mocked the cold, while a fitful wind promised fulfillment of the ranchman's prophesied blizzard.

The ponderous vehicle scraped and creaked to the top of a slight ascent, which dipped into a "coolie" whose further side rose higher and steeper. Down the first declivity the horses rushed, and midway Connor set his teeth with a mighty oath.

There, in the narrow bottom of the "coolie" on either side of a space worn between snowdrifts and called the road, stood two tall figures holding leveled pistols.

The stage was trapped, and Connor pulled up his horses promptly.

"You chose your day luckier than seemed probable from the weather," he said, gazing keenly at what little was visible of his much-muffled assailants, as they drew nearer. "I'm rather prejudiced against killing a fellow creature on Christmas Eve, if I can any ways avoid it."

Something that sounded like a derisive laugh issued from the fur collar of one of the highwaymen.

"You planned the killing to be on your side, eh?"

Connor continued slowly:

"Well, I'm a dead shot at longer range than most chaps, and, though you have the drop on me, you couldn't hit me when I first saw you, Jim Gwynne."

"I'm not——" broke forth a hoarse, astonished voice.

"Oh, yes, you are—little boys shouldn't tell fibs," Connor asserted. "But you don't want to shoot me no more than I hanker to put a hole through you—or the job would be done by now."

"That's so!" came in chorus from either side the road.

"But we mean business," one added, and the other exclaimed:

"Starving men don't count costs, and we intend to have your load!"

"There are two ways of looking at this matter. Hear mine," Connor began authoritatively. "And speak lower when you answer, for my express messenger is asleep inside, and he might take things less peaceable than I, if he wakes."

Again there was a sound of laughter, and this time it came from both figures, though their pistols yet covered the stage driver.

"You're a queer lot!" the taller fellow said.

"I've heard the same before," Connor agreed. "Being queer, boys, you will not be so surprised if I ask you to listen to a Christmas sermon?"

"Quit fooling."

"It's too d——d cold for joking."

"You will hear my sermon, or I'll chance a shot from each of you while I get my 'gun' into play," Connor declared with curious convincingness.

"Silence gives consent, eh? Well, I ain't a long-winded preacher, and I'll skip the text.

"Three or four miles away there are two camps full of hard-worked, ill-fed, half-frozen men. In one camp they are mostly roughs, like you and me, or worse. In the other they are soldiers who live clean because they must, and a pack of officers who grin and bear it, I guess, for the same reason. There ain't much resemblance between the disorder in Zenith City and the order at Fort Fletcher, but they are alike in cold and hunger. Yes, sir, and in one thing more! They both remember a lesson they learned when they were kids, that hundreds of years ago the world got a Christmas gift it ain't never forgotten, though it makes a big pretense of forgetting! And for the sake of that gift, they, poor souls, expect to get to-morrow, this feller one kind of present, and that feller another, from some woman who loves him far off beyond these prairies. Those presents I have here in this stage—and nothing else! There is money in many of them, I've seen the messenger's receipt book. There is a diamond ring and a couple of diamond pins for the lieutenants, and if I live half an hour they will get them presents. Boys, you are at your wits' ends, I know, but you were honest men until no work and gambling sent you to the devil—I guess you ain't goin' to interfere with them other chaps' Christmas, eh?"

The leveled pistols sank simultaneously.

"Connor!" Jim Gwynne said, and his voice sounded youthful and piteous. "This is our last chance. We haven't eaten a square meal in a week. These fur coats we stand up in are pledged for day after to-morrow. Let us have only——"

"Not a penny! But see here"—Connor leaned forward eagerly—"you follow me to town, and I'll treat to the best supper Zenith City can spread. I'll swear you shall not starve on Christmas Day—and I'll drive you back to Bismarck next trip, where, if our company don't offer you well-paid work, you can shoot me for a d——d liar!"

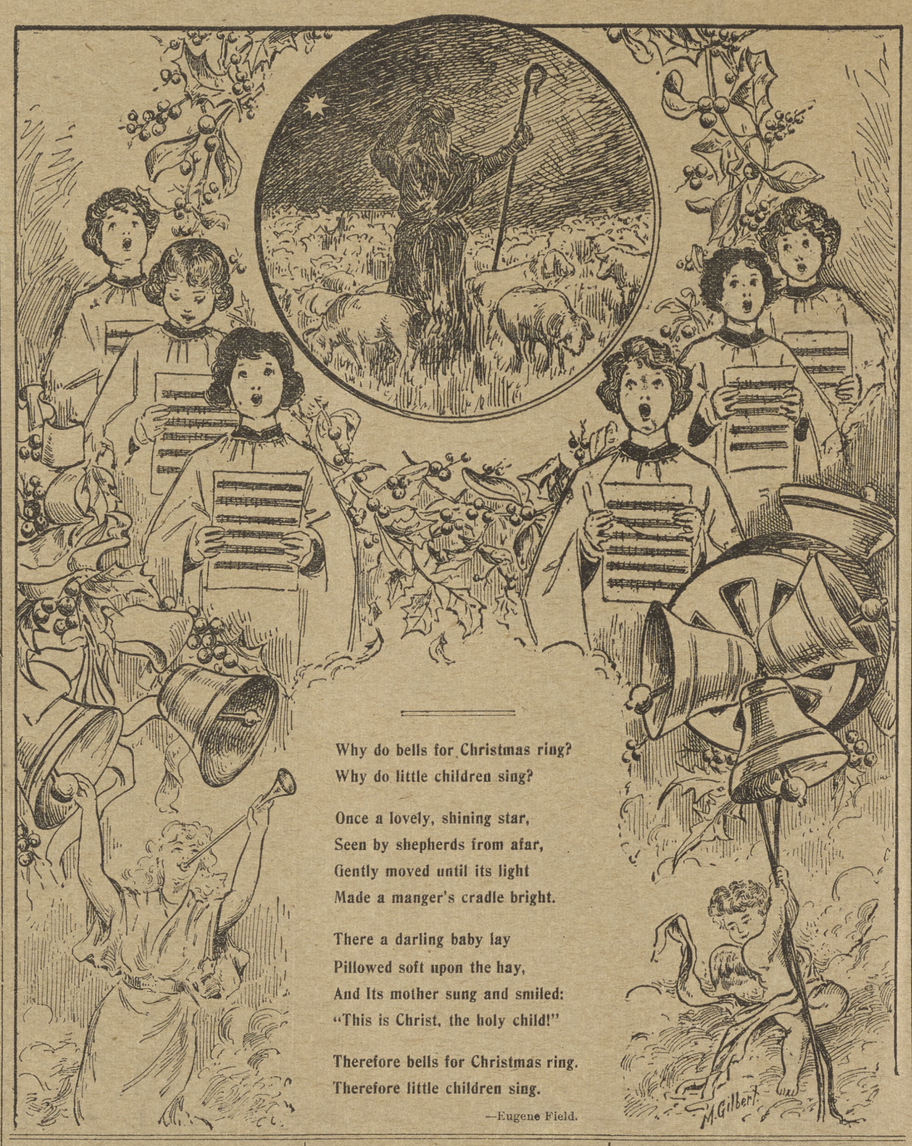
He held out a huge fur-gloved hand on either side. "Shake on that!" he cried cheerfully.

Half an hour later the rabble gathered in unusual numbers at Zenith City, to witness the unloading of the stage which had brought the Christmas mails. Morris, the messenger, sleepily emerged from within its huge bulk, when Connor called him.

"I had a sort of nightmare awhile ago," he exclaimed, with a laugh, as Connor beat himself about the chest to restore circulation. "I thought the stage stopped, and that you were talking of shooting! But I knew it was a dream, so I went to sleep again."

"Best you could have done," Connor agreed. "Here, Jim Gwynne," he added to a tall fellow who lounged near, "lend a hand, will you? There comes the general's orderly from Fletcher for them Christmas gifts."—Waverley Magazine.

WHY DO BELLS FOR CHRISTMAS RING?



Why do bells for Christmas ring?
Why do little children sing?

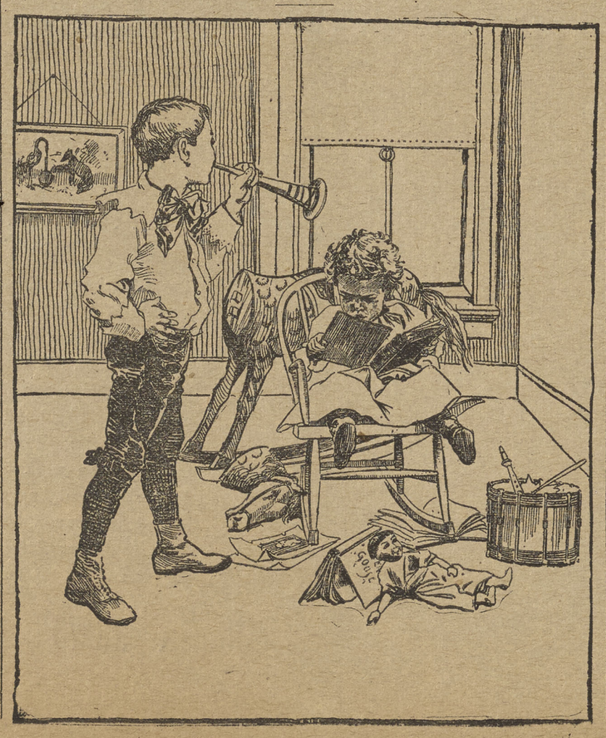
Once a lovely, shining star,
Seen by shepherds from afar,
Gently moved until its light
Made a manger's cradle bright.

There a darling baby lay
Pillowed soft upon the hay,
And its mother sung and smiled:
"This is Christ, the holy child!"

Therefore bells for Christmas ring.
Therefore little children sing.

—Eugene Field.

THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.



sending best wishes and polite greetings during the holiday season.

Shortly afterward printed cards appeared, and it became a trade. The folding card, with happy surprises in sentiment hidden under flowers, was a conception of the French in 1871. The trade still grows in significance, especially since the evolution of the card to the calendar.

The most beautiful cards still come from Germany. They are in a bewildering multitude of chaste designs, including all sorts of natural flowers, with sentiments engraved in silver or gold under the leaves. England produces the most artistic ecclesiastical cards of any country, yet she does not confine herself to this style exclusively. There are many genteel poor people in London who maintain themselves in comfort by writing verses for Christmas and New Year's cards, and their work is done early in the year. The custom of sending Christmas cards in America was first noticeable in 1870. They were then made on a very small scale by a firm in Boston. The trade grew in importance until now, when it is at its culminating point and the Christmas calendar bids fair to supersede the card.

A NOVEL IDEA.

One Bright Girl's Highly Original Christmas Method.

In large families of daughters Christmas is almost a calamity; there are so many presents to be bought, and so many different varieties of secrecy to be maintained. Recently Anne, the second daughter in a bevy of eight, issued an original edict: "I've made up my mind," said Anne, "that all this Christmas secrecy is unwholesome and foolish; the strain on the brain and the nerves—in a large family like ours, is exhausting and dangerous. I'm not going to have any more Christmas secrets; all this skurrying bundles into the house and out of sight is going to stop—so far as I'm concerned. What I make, I'm going to make in full view of all the family; and what I buy I shall put on the table in my room—anybody that chooses may open my bundles and look at the contents."

All the other girls were astounded—such an idea! It would ruin Christmas—Anne is simply crazy.

Anne has stood her ground, however, and her Christmas work is still going on; she embroiders beautiful doilies, pin-cushions and stand-covers, in full view of the other girls—even asking their advice as to shades in silk and designs. On her table are many interesting presents—books, pictures, bric-a-brac, boxes of candy and other desirable articles. With the display of her presents, however, Anne's frankness has ended; and the great family—all the seven other girls—have decided that this is by far the most exciting and entertaining Christmas time they have ever experienced. Two thrilling problems—two profound mysteries—still exist to agitate pleasantly the household pulse: Is Anne going to let us each choose our own presents, or is Anne herself going to choose a gift for each one? Anne, the sphinx, embroiders on silently, and the answer is yet unknown.

CHRISTMAS IN CUBA.

Uncle Sam Has Presented the Island a Great Gift of Liberty.

CUBANS' stockings undoubtedly have some holes in them this Christmas, but out of these has run a vast deal of equivocal misrule—"benefits" which another Yuletime will make a mere memory. The home church has kept the universal anniversary pretty green in the hearts of Spanish devotees, even through the years of disorder and disruption, but the patriot of the soil has been left out in the cold—forced to eat his Christmas dinner in fear and trembling of a domiciliary visitation from Spanish "agents," or having none at all, lurking, menaced and fugitives behind trocha, in swamp, or under the thatch of some isolated mountain hut.

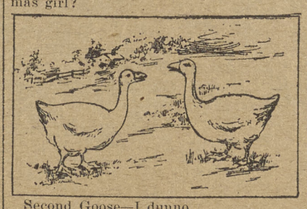
This year all is changed. For the island entire there is Uncle Sam's great gift of Liberty. Reviving to its influences, a general sunburst of prosperity is presaged in dawning gleams of promise and glory, and the hunted and homeless have taken heart. The rapacious Spanish soldier is dining at his home board, living on his career of "glory"—his sympathizing friends still resident in Havana are prudently "reconciled" to events that have an unmistakable trend in the direction of toleration and fairness.

Individually, the Cuban is sure of a personal gift. Uncle Sam has filled, is filling, his larder with generous contributions until the next season of plantation proceeds places him on a self-sustaining level. There are ruined homes to recoup, parted families and friends, there are many lost never to return, but these are the fortunes of war, and the victory has been won.

The fairest morn that ever dawned for Cuba marks this Christmas day, when the blood, the tears, the hopes of the suffering, struggling patriots of half a century, under the watch and ward of Columbia's star of destiny, from the blessed altar of fruition proclaim for generations yet to be a glowing cycle of merry, happy Christmases!

The Difference.

First Goose—What's the difference between a Christmas turkey and a Christmas girl?



Second Goose—I dunno.

First Goose—Why, one is dressed to kill and the other is killed to dress.

A Contingency.

Mr. Cumso—I have not yet decided whether or not I shall buy my wife a present this Christmas.

Mr. Cawker—Why this indecision?

Mr. Cumso—I am waiting to see whether I shall have any money left after she has bought my present.

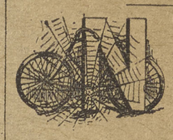
It is time now to begin to remember not to spell it "Xmas."

XMAS CARDS OLD AND NEW.

Origin of the Remembrance and Some of Their Fads and Fancies.

Thirty years ago in Berlin a lady of noble birth painted the first Christmas card. It grew out of a strong desire to send a simple remembrance to a cousin of hers, who was in the diplomatic service of William I., then King of Prussia and afterward Emperor of Germany. The lady had loved and been loved by this cousin, but a strange misunderstanding had parted them. During a convalescence she painted a spray of forget-me-nots on a fancy card and inscribed a few words in gold letters, the translation of which was, "May the Christ child rest on your heart and bring you peace and happiness." This she dispatched on Christmas eve to the court by a trusted friend, who managed matters so adroitly that the lovers were again reconciled and ever after happy. The following year they told their story to some intimate friends at court. The nobility then adopted this method for

SONG OF THE WHEEL.



OW I'm consigned to garret grim,
Where cobwebs from the rafters sway,
Where risks of corn depend from pegs,
Where mice run to and fro all day.

My strands vibrate when winds caress—
Ah! then I spin my mazy song;
But no one lists my music soft
Through days so short and nights so long.

These ancient garbs of other days
Are peopled with the ghosts of old;
These peaked hats and bonnets quaint,
Old-fashioned faces seem to hold;
Then trooping out from corners dim,
They come to tread the minuet—
No fleck of dust arises where
Their tripping feet perchance to stray.

Like harp eolian I spin
My strains to lend the dancers zest,
Who bow sedate, elate and prim,
Who come with tread of ghostly guest
The buckled swain bestows his hand
To slippered Miss Priscilla fair;
I only see the frolic gay
They know not of below the stair.

The wind subsides, no longer turn
My strands; the dancers swiftly go
Back to their places in the gloom,
To hang from pegs in motley row,
And this—my song on Christmas day,
Whose merry frolic ends when I
No longer spin my ghostly lay
To eulogize those—who lived to die.
—H. S. Keller.

THE BOAR'S HEAD.

Was the First Dish Brought to Our Forefathers' Table on Christmas.

Aside from its religious observance and signification Christmas has always been a time of feasting and jollification. This temperament has descended to us from the days of the old Germanic and Scandinavian nations, when the time was set aside for rejoicing and pleasure prior to the Christian era, but even as late as the seventeenth century in England and throughout continental Europe the delights of the table were paramount. With our forefathers a soused boar's head was borne to the principal table in the hall

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with great state and solemnity as the first dish on Christmas day. In the book of "Christmasse Carolles," printed by Wynkyn de Worde in 1521, are the words sung at this auspicious moment:

The bore's head in hande bring I
With garlandes gay and rosemary.
I pray you all synge merrely—
Qui estis in convivio.

The bore's head I understande
Is the chefe servyce in this lande,
Loke wherever it be fande.
Servite cum cantico.

Chaucer alludes to this custom in the following passage of the "Franklein's Tale":

James sitteth by the fire with double berd,
And he drinketh of his bugle horne the wine.
Before him standeth the braune of the tusked swine.

Under the Mistletoe.

Christmas Gifts of Money.

"If, after thinking for a long time, you cannot decide what she (my poor girl friend) would like best," writes Ruth Ashmore, in advising girls as to their Christmas giving in the Ladies' Home Journal, "and you know her well enough to leave to her the choice of the gift, then send her the money that she may spend it for herself. But make this money look more like a chosen gift, and less like that which is so hardly earned by her; trouble yourself to go to the bank and put it in gold, or at least in a new bank note, and inclose it in a tiny little purse."

A Memorable New Year.

New Year's day, 1859, is of historic importance. At the reception held at the Louvre on that day the few words addressed by Napoleon III. to the Austrian embassador resulted in the famous war of the summer of that year which changed the map of Europe.

Even Up.

Crawford—The new woman should make Christmas easier for the married man to bear.

Grimshaw—I don't see it. A bike and set of bloomers cost about as much as a sealskin sacque.—Judge.

The Dun.

This bugaboo of New Year's day
Seems quite bereft of reason.
Unsatisfied if you but pay
The compliments of the season.

M'KINLEY REJOICES.

Old Scars Have Disappeared as a Result of the War With Spain.

Atlanta (Ga.).—At the Peace Jubilee banquet at the Kimball House the other night President McKinley responded to the toast "Our Country." He began by a pleasant reference to an earlier visit to the city of Atlanta and spoke feelingly of his association then with Georgia's brilliant editor, the late Henry Grady.

Continuing, the President said: "Four years have gone since I last met the people of Georgia in public assembly. Much has happened in the intervening time. The Nation has been at war, not within its own shores, but with a foreign power; a war waged not for revenge or aggrandizement, but for our oppressed neighbors, for their freedom and amelioration. It was short, but decisive. It recorded a succession of significant victories on land and sea. It gave new honors to American arms. It has brought new problems to the Republic, whose solution will tax the genius of our people. United we will meet and solve them with honor to ourselves and to the lasting benefit of all concerned. The war brought us together; its settlement will keep us together.

"Reunited. Glorious realization! It expresses the thought of my mind and the long-deferred consummation of my heart's desire as I stand in this presence. It interprets the hearty demonstration here witnessed and is the patriotic refrain of all sections and of all lovers of the Republic.

"Reunited! One country again and one country forever! Proclaim it from the press and the pulpit! Teach it in the schools! Write it across the skies! The world sees and feels it! It cheers every heart, North and South, and brightens the life of every American home. Let nothing ever strain it again. At peace with all the world and with each other, what can stand in the pathway of our progress and prosperity?"

Cables to Gird the Globe.

London.—The morning newspapers print a letter addressed to Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, by Sir Sanford Fleming, chancellor of Queen's University, Canada, and a leading expert in telegraph communciation. He urges the unification of time throughout the world and advocates the adoption of a system of state-owned cables connecting every British possession and all Great Britain's naval coaling stations.

Sir Sanford Fleming proposes three sections of cables in the Pacific, Indian and Atlantic oceans, and estimates their cost at £6,000,000. The first step, he suggests is a state-owned Pacific cable. He contends that if his proposals were carried out the cost of cabling would be enormously cheapened.

Germany Feels the Strain.

The Vienna correspondent of the Times says: In Austrian commercial and financial circles it is believed that Germany's leaning toward England and the United States is due to other than political consideration. The strain imposed upon the Berlin money market by the forced development of German trade is beginning to tell severely on German finance.

For the satisfaction of seizing new markets, terms have been granted which German industry and enterprise is ill able to afford. This abnormal condition has produced a situation which renders it advisable that the sympathies of the English and American money markets should not be estranged.

New Guns for Russia.

Washington.—The Russian Government recently contracted a loan of $55,512,000 in France to be used in replacing her artillery with rapid-firing small caliber guns, according to a dispatch sent to the State Department from Consul-General Holloway at St. Petersburg. He says further that trials by experts have been concluded and report is said to be in favor of the manufacture of a gun embracing the best points of a number tested. As 6000 guns will be required within the next two years and Russia will not be able to manufacture that number, contracts will be made with foreign firms to furnish the remainder.

Confederates in the Homes.

Washington.—Representative Rixey of Virginia has introduced a bill for the admission of Confederate as well as Union soldiers to soldiers' homes.

The text of the bill follows: "That after the passage of this act all soldiers' homes and other institutions maintained by the Government for maimed, crippled and wounded soldiers and sailors of the United States shall be open to all soldiers and sailors of the Civil War of 1861-65 upon the same terms and without discrimination as to whether they were enlisted upon the side of the Union or the Confederacy."

Italy as Britain's Ally.

London.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail says: In the Chamber of Deputies Signor del Baono asserted the existence of an agreement, equivalent to a formal treaty, between Italy and Great Britain for the maintenance of the status quo in Africa along the Red Sea and the Mediterranean and in the Hinterlands of Tripoli and Raheita, as well as in the Soudan. It is noteworthy that his statement was not contradicted by the Government.

Postal Bill Again Introduced.

Washington.—Chairman Loud of the House Committee [illegible] and Postroads has rein[illegible]d relating to second-cl[illegible]r and known as the Lou[illegible]mendment allowing [illegible]ample copies of newspa[illegible]t cent for every two o[illegible]ing attached in advan[illegible]

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SINCE the Republicans will hold controlling power in the California legislature at its next session and a successor to Stephen M. White is to be elected ot the United States Senate a great number of candidates have been spoken of and nearly every section of the state has an aspirant for the position. But notwithstanding this we have one in our portion of the state whom we believe is better qualified than any other man yet mentioned and we suggest that the name of Frank L. Coombs, now State Librarian, be considered for the Senatorship. We make this suggestion without first asking his consent as we know he is ably qualified for the position, as he has served twice as speaker of the Assembly, the first time in 1891 and again at a later session. Not only has he satisfactorily filled this position but was also minister to Japan during President Harrison's administration and is well acquainted with the affairs in that portion of the world. Selecting a senator at this time is a delicate piece of business as the disposition of the Phillipines and many other very important matters will come before this Senate and we believe no one in California more thoroughly understands the circumstances existing at the present time than does Mr. Coombs. He now bears the honor of being Grand Orator of the Native Sons of the Golden West, and we believe that no better selection could be made than that of F. L. Coombs.

WHAT are we going to do about the cannery? From present indications we are to have a fairly good year and we must have a good market too. And to have the latter it is all with us. If we get together and put our shoulders to the wheel we can make a first class market by establishing a cannery and turning out a first-class line of goods which always bring the highest prices. When our goods become known no further recommendation will be necessary if we establish a brand of first-class fruits. This thing of putting inferior articles on the market under a first-class brand is a great detriment to any business and should we establish the cannery on a co-operative plan there seems to be no doubt about its being a financial success as well as a big help to our orcharists.

THE appointment of A. B. Ware, of Santa Rosa. to the position of trustee of the Home for the Feeble Minded at Glen Ellen, is one in which is shown good judgement and which will meet with hearty approval. Mr. Ware is one of Santa Rosa's most prominent lawyers and has the honor of having served in the capacity of District Attorney for Sonoma county.

With the closing of this term of the Sonoma Grammar School which occurred today, our worthy principal, Vernon Goodwin, has resigned his position and will leave our little city for Santa Rosa where he has accepted a deputyship in the county Recorder's office. Mr. Goodwin has taught three terms in our schools, each of which has alike given entire satisfaction to the patrons and trustees of the school. During his stay here he has formed a large circle of friends, all of whom are sorry to have him leave though they are congratulating him on his appointment. Mr. Goodwin leaves Sonoma for Santa Rosa tomorrow.

How About This?

The two following verses which have been going the rounds of the press contain more truth than poetry:

"We don't want to buy at your place
We don't trade there any more
You'll be sorry when you see us
Going in some other store.

You can't sell us any stale goods,
We have opened wide our eyes
We don't want to trade at your store
Because you do not advertise."

Trustees Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Board of Turstees was held at the usual place on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Trustees present were Hartin, Harris and Seipp. In the absence of the president Trustee Seipp was called to the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bills were presented as follows and referred to the proper committees. After examination and allowance by such committees, these were ordered paid:

Louis Fouts, hauling gravel (assg'd to L. Quartanoli)	$26 25
J. N. Steadman, hauling	24 50
A. M. Haraszthy, hauling	26 25
L. Maffiei, hauling	24 50
W. J. Myer, hauling	26 25
R. McDonell, hauling	24 50
John Revie, hauling	7 00
W. Cozine, hauling	22 75
G. M. Cornelius, shoveling	14 00
Philip Snyder, shoveling	12 00
G. B. Parasso, shoveling	14 00
W.G. Benton, gravel screens	3 00
A. W. Weaver, gravel screens and blacksmithing	2 75
Sonoma Electric Light Co., electric lighting	45 38

A bill of Antone Caminata for $15 for enclosing well on the North West corner of Plaza was presented and read by the clerk and on motion was ordered paid subject to the inspection and acceptance of the work by the Plaza Committee. A warrant was also ordered drawn for $48 in favor of Jas. H. Allertson, secretary of the fire company to reimburse the members of the company for state and road poll taxes paid by them for this year.

The Street committee reported having viewed the proposed extension of Germany or Jackson street which is to be opened, and recommended as follows:

First; that a deed for said street be secured from H. Cornelius and wife for the consideration of $75, one half to be paid by the city and one half by the county.

Second; that one bridge and one culvert would have to be built.

Third; the total cost of opening said street is estimated at $168 one half of which is to be paid by the city of Sonoma and the other by the county. The report of the committee was ordered received and adopted and the clerk was ordered to have the necessary deeds drawn and executed.

The street committee also reported having graveled First Street East, above Spain Street; Napa Street from McMackin's corner to the Union Hotel and from the willow tree to Chelinie's corner; also Spain or Vallejo Street from Harazthys house westerly to city limits. The report of the committee was ordered received and adopted.

Louis Litzuis made an application to the board through his attorney, Robert A. Poppe, for a deed from the city to the north half of lot no 61 to satisfy an attorney who was passing upon his title, who insisted upon a conveyance of all the right, title and interest of the city of Sonoma. After a long discussion Trustee Hartin introduced the following resolution which was seconded, put to a vote and carried:

Louis Litzus, through his attorney Robert A. Poppe, having made application to this board for a conveyance to him by this board of all right, title and interest of the city of Sonoma in and to the north half of lot No. 61 in said city;

And it appearing that no conveyance of the title of said city ever having been made, and the object of said proposed conveyance being to strengthen the said Litzus' title, and the city of Sonoma claiming no interest in said lot, it is therefore

RESOLVED: That the application of said Louis Litzus be, and the same is granted, and that the president of this board and the city clerk be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to execute a deed under the seal of said city and deliver the same to the grantee, conveying to said Lotis Litzus all the right titie and interest of the City of Sonoma in said lot of land, for the nominal consideration of one dollar, lawful money of the United States of America.

A communication from H. A. Mason, secretary of the League of California Municipalities was read by the clerk and ordered placed on file.

No further business being presented the board adjourned.

The Citrus Fair.

The new elected Citrus Fair directors met Wednesday evening and perfected an organization by electing Wm. Caldwell President and C. A. Thilo Vice-President. H. F. Domine was elected Secretary and Bank of Cloverdale Treasurer. A number of questions were impromptuly discussed concerning the coming fair and summing up the opinions taken, it was readily noticed that a determined and vigorous effort will be made by the new board to make thecoming fair worthy of Cloverdale and a lasting testimonial of her citrus possibilities.

The announcement of their determination to push the fair and exert their personal efforts in making it a success, availeth nothing unless they are backed and encouraged by the people. This we are glad to say, will be given them, for, upon the success of the citrus fair depends largely the upbuilding of Cloverdale.—*Reveille.*

This all sounds very well for Cloverdale but if it were a little broader and took in Sonoma county we think a great deal more good might be accomplished. That which is intended to build up Cloverdale is alike intended for the county. We can call to mind sev-e-al incidences where fairs have been held for the surrounding country, at which places such fruits as were there exhibited were not a success but they claimed all the honor for raising such articles as were on display is their city. The object of holding the fair at such places was simply for convenience to the public. We are not familiar enough with this county to state whether the same is true in this case or not but if we are correctly informed, this end of the county took one of the first prizes at the fasr last year, and with an effort what will it do this year?

Teachers' Institute.

The thirty-fifth annual teachers' institute of Sonoma county will convene at Santa Rosa next Monday, and according to the Press-Democrat the following officers are selected for this session:

Carl H. Nielson (ex-officio) president; E. Morris Cox, W. Scott Thomas, Miss Nellie M. Petray, vice-presidents; Miss Minnie Coulter, secretary; F. A. Cromwell, E. E. Hollopeter, Mrs. Mary B Williams and Mrs M. E. Floyd, committee on resolutions.

All the Sonoma county teachers will be expected to attend each morning session of the State Teachers' Association in Anthenæum, and one or more of the departments in the afternoon. They will be requested to fill a blank at the end of the week, regularly made out, showing the number of meetings they have attended. On Friday morning the teacher's institute will convene in the South Methodist church for the purpose of re-receiving reports and for the transaction of other business.

Would Be A Good Thing For Sonoma.

Geo. K. Rogers, of San Francisco, vice-head consul of the Woodmen of the World, went to Grant's Pass last Thursday evening to do some special work there. As the result of his work at Ashland twelve applications were taken and at Phœnix three.—*Moaitor Minor.*

When it comes to organizing or securing new timber Neighbor Rogers is all right and we would like to have him come this way as we beiieve Sonoma can furnish considerable material for a camp of Woodmen.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Any body can try it who has lame back or weak kidneys, malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. The medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the kidneys and liver, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures consumption, headache, fainting spells, sleeplessness and melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at Ed. Wegner's Drug Store.

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FARO BUILT THE CHURCH.

Bishop Put Up a Good Fight, and the Sports Chipped In $1,860.

Bishop Worthington of Omaha is now a strict churchman. His sermons are severe in doctrine and hold out little hope to sinners unless they repent. However, the bishop knows human nature. He learned it in the best school for an education of that kind—the far west.

Years ago, when Mr. Worthington was a recent graduate from the theological seminary, he began his gospel work in Butte, Mon. The town was then a mining camp pure and simple. It had saloons, dance halls and gambling rooms, but neither church nor school. Its inhabitants were rough, tough and ready—manliness was their god, and it was this manliness which made the west what it is.

At college Worthington was a boxer and an oarsman. In Butte these accomplishments served him well, for they gave him a strong arm and a quick eye. His gospel services were held in a tent. There was no money to build a church.

One day as he was walking along the principal street the bully of the town approached him.

"Do you want to fight?" asked the desperado.

"No," replied the clergyman.

"Then take that!"

But "that" never came. Worthington warded off the blow, and with his good right fist sent the bully to grass in scientific fashion.

That night the affair was talked over in Cy Henry's gambling house.

"I like that chap Worthington," said Bill Johnson. "He strikes a good blow. Let's all play for him tonight."

The proposition was agreed to, and the next morning $1,800 won at faro was presented to the minister. That money built the first church in Butte. —Chicago Chronicle.

ORIGIN OF KALAMAZOO.

Pretty Legend That Is Responsible For the Town's Name.

The name of Kalamazoo, like Oshkosh and one or two others, has come to be to foreigners a synonym of American absurdity. It is often chosen, for some occult reason, to illustrate that form of vernacular English known as "United States."

But all thought of ridicule vanishes when its romantic origin is considered, for it is the echo still lingering about the memory of two dusky lovers, who, in that long gone time when Michigan was the home mainly of Indian tribes, lived and loved on the banks of the river which now bears their names.

Kahla, the young warrior, was straight of limb and eagle eyed, while to Mahzoo had been given by the Great Spirit the many graces and virtues for which Indian maidens have become noted in song and legend. Life to these two possessed all the charm which true affection has ever granted to lovers, and the days, as they came and went, brought only abounding joy.

Each summer evening, as the twilight deepened and the time drew near for her lover's return from the chase, the maiden watched from her bower in the swaying branches of a giant elm overhanging the river's edge for the first sign of his coming. As the bow of his canoe shot round the curve away in the distance her clear musical voice called to him, "Kahla, Kahla!" and from the young warrior came in loving tones the response, "Mahzoo!"—Chicago Times-Herald.

Twain's Material For Stories.

In Berlin, when one pays his fare to the conductor of a street car, he receives a ticket, which is soon afterward collected by an inspector, who boards the car at a fixed point. One day, just as a joke, Mark Twain paid his fare 15 times on one trip, each time throwing the ticket out of the window or under his seat as soon as he had deposited the regular fare with the conductor. A few minutes later the inspector would get on the car and demand tickets all around. Of course Twain had none to show and had to buy another, apparently with reluctance. The performance amused the American, dumfounded the conductor, who had never met so reckless a passenger, and tickled the native passengers, who thought the foreigner well punished for his negligence. By this modest investment material was obtained for a capital story, which netted Mark Twain just $500.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Homesick.

A recent article on homesickness recalls the reply made by a young Swedish maid to her mistress. It expresses clearly, though in imperfect English, what every sufferer from homesickness feels.

"You ought to be contented and not fret for your old home, Ina," said the lady as she looked at the dim eyes of the girl. "You are earning good wages, your work is light, every one is kind to you and you have plenty of friends here."

"Yas'm," said the girl, "but it is not the place where I do be that makes me vera homesick, it is the place where I don't be."—Youth's Companion.

The Real Reason.

Smithers—Why don't you run for school director, Brown?

Brown—Well, you see, sir, there is the farm to look after, and the work on the roads, the timber to cut, the strong party feeling, my views on the educational question, my tax theory, my ideas of the money problem, and then, besides—my wife wants to run.—Harper's Bazar.

A writer in London advertises to furnish manuscripts to persons who aspire to become authors, but can't write, at so much a volume.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Why Order of Sale of Real Estate Should Not be Made.

In the Superior court in and for the county of Sonoma, state of California.

In the matter of the estate of Bartolomea Toroni, deceased.

Margherita Toroni, the executrix of the will of Bartolomea Toroni, deceased, having filed her petition herein, duly verified, praying for an order of sale of the whole of the real estate of said decedent, for the purposes therein set forth.

It is therefore ordered by the said Court that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased appear before the said Superior Court on Monday, the 30th day of January, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the court-room of department One of said Court, at the court house, in the City of Santa Rosa, county of Sonoma, state of California, to show cause why an order should not be granted to the said Executrix to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceased as shall be necessary.

And that a copy of this order shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks, in the SONOMA NEWS a newspaper printed and published weekly in said Sonoma county.

S. K. DOUGHERTY,
Judge of the Superior Court.

Dated December 16th, 1898.

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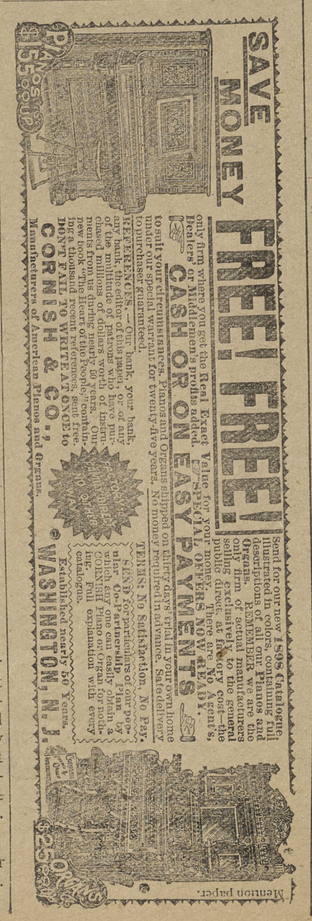

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CHURCH NOTICES.

Catholic Church. Rev. W. P. Quill, Rector. Services: Sundays, 8:30 and 1 a. m.; week-days, 7:30 a. m. School immediately after the 11 o'clock mass.

Congregational Church.
Rev. Charles D. Milliken, Minister. Services: Sunday at 11 a. m and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m., Mr. Charles Potter, Supt., Y. P. S. C. E service 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesdays 2:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor Society Meeting, Friday 3:15 p. m.
Ladie's Aid Society, 2nd Thursday of each month.
Missionary Society, 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev E. E. Thompson, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:15, p. m. Sabbath School at 10 a. m. Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Young People's Society of Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. on Sunday

LODGE NOTICES.

A. O. U. W.
PUEBLO LODGE No. 168, meets every first and fourth Tuesday evening of each month at Odd Fellows' Hall.

F. & A. M.
TEMPLE LODGE No. 14, meets in the Masonic Hall on the Tuesday evening on or before the full moon in each month.

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SONOMA LODGE No. 28, meets at Odd Fellows' Hall every Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m.
REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE No. 99, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

O. E. S.
VALLEY OF THE MOON CHAPTER No. 85, meets in Masonic Hall on the Thursday evening on or preceding the full moon of each month.

O. C. F.
SONOMA VINEYARD COUNCIL, No. 165, meets the first and third Friday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

N. S. G. W.
SONOMA PARLOR, No. 111, meets every Monday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall.

Y. M. I.
No. 45 meets the first and third Wednesday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

U. A. O. D.
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TO THE FATHER OF BOYS.

A Few Words of Advice Which Our Parents Should Heed.

Have you a son between 13 and 35 years of age who is lifeless and stupid; whose face is pimpled appetite poor; pains in the back; nervous twiching of the eyes and other parts; suffering from sleepless, restless, nights night sweats, palpitation of the heart, indigestion, constipation; cramps in legs and arms; bashful always avoiding company of opposite sex—who has no energy, and is unfit for work or study?

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Leaves Sonoma		Effective Oct. 16 '98	Arrive Sonoma	
Week days	Sundays	Destination	Sundays	Week days
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	San Francisco, San	10.25 a.m.	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	Rafael intermediates	7.15 p.m.	7.20p. m.
10.30 a. m.	10.25 a. m.	Glen Ellen and	8.10 a.m.	6.18 a. m.
7.20 p. m.	7.15 p. m.	intermediates	3.37 p.m.	2.45 p. m.
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Petaluma, Santa Rosa	10.25 a.m.	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	and intermediates.	7.15 p.m.	7.20p. m.
6.18 a. m.	8 10 a. m.	Cloverdale, Healds-	.....	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	.....	burg, intermediates.	7.15 p.m.	7.20p. m.
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6:18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Sebastopol and	10.25 a.m.	10.30 a. m.
2:45 a. m	3.37 p. m.	intermediates.	7.15 p.m.	7.20p. m.
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Guerneville and	.....	10.30 a. m
2:45 p. m.	.....	intermediates.	7.15 p.m.	7.20 p.m

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Happenings of the Past Week in the Pioneer City.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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Our grammar school closes today for a three weeks vacation.

Geo. Bulotti was up from the bay city visiting friends Sunday.

N. J. Borden was in town Wednesday representing the Examiner.

J. P. and Frank Weems were in Santa Rosa Monday attending court.

Ex-Supervisor Scully, of San Francisco was visiting in Sonoma Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Clark was in town Tuesday from Graham canyon.

Prof. Hawker and family went to Santa Rosa Friday to spend the holidays.

Geo. Spanning was visiting friends in Sonoma Tuesday and Wednerday.

Henry Faure, an old time Sonoma boy paid this place a brief visit last Sunday.

Miss May and Daniel Estes are up from San Francisco visiting their mother and sister here.

Mrs. Otto Van Geldern was here visiting her aunt Mrs. Dr. Chas. Van Geldern one day this wsek.

Arch McGill of Guerneville is spending the holidays at home with his mother in the eastern part of town.

Judge C. L. Meracle and wife came up from Selma Thursday and are visiting Mrs. Meracle's sister, Mrs. W. R. Stammers.

Presiding Elder S. G. Gale, of the Methodist church was in Sonoma Wednesday and held the regular quarterly conference of that church.

The Sonoma County Horticultural society will hold a meeting on Saturday afternoon Decembar 31 at which time the election of officers will take place.

The linemen of the Sonoma Electric Light company have been busy the past day or two running wires to the Masonic hall. The Masons will hereafter use the electric lights at their meetings.

L. H. Green when seen at the lumber yard this week was wearing a good broad smile. The reason was simply the arrival of a bouncing girl which came to his home Monday morning.

The county rally of Epworth League will be held in Santa Rosa about Jan. 20th, at which there will undoubtedly be a large attendance, as the people of the Rose city have the name of being excellent entertainers.

The board of Supervisors of Sonoma county are advertising for bids on the bonds ordered Nov. 22 on the Forestville school district. Proposals on bids on the ten bonds of $80 each will be received until 12 o'clock noon on the 30th of the present month.

Gallant Rains began an action in the Superior court through which he hopes to become supervisor in the Second district in the stead of David Wall who was declared elected at the official count. The case will come before Judge Burnett for hearing on December 29th.

The oil painting which has been on exhibition in Geo. Britenback's harness shop window for some time was raffled off the first of the week at his place of business and was won by Miss Eva Haughn of Vallejo. The painting was made by Miss Sadie McHarvey of this place and reflects much credit on the artist.

Miss Claire Hope is temporarily filling the position of first soprano in the quartet choir of the First Congregational church of Oakland. In addition to the quartet the choir has a chorus of 45 voices. This church has probably the largest membership of any church on Pacific coast, there being about 1200 names on the roll.

A rabbit chase was an exciting scene on our streets last Sunday afternoon. The rabbit and two hounds were turned loose in front of the Union Hotel and made an exciting chase around the plaza, down Broadway a few yards where the rabbit made a short turn and got another good start of the dogs finally making his disappearance under a culvert.

Garnet McTagert who lives with Miss Elizabeth Clark of Graham Canyon had the misfortune last Thursday to fall on a sharp chisel which cut a gash about three inches in length beginning in the palm of of his right hand and running up his wrist. He came to Sonoma Tuesday to have the wound dressed which took seven stitches to close the wound, but at last account he was geting along very nicely. Garnet is the son of Br. McTagert who was a practising physician of Sonoma for a number of years but who is now located at Grass Valley.

Note the change in Mrs. Poppe's ad this issue.

Mr. Copeland is quite ill at his home on Broadway.

A fine assortment of canned soups just in at Weems' Cash Store.

F. Lay shipped the last of his prune crop from Sonoma Wednesday.

We had a good rain Monday and Tuesday, but yet we need more.

O. W. Hawker closed his night-school Wednesday until after the holiday.

We are selling coal oil, the best, five gallons for 75 cents. Weems' Cash Store.

Messrs Cooper and Shaw are repairing a county bridge near the old Spencer place.

Mrs. W. T. Suttenfield and children, of Glen Ellen, were visiting friends in Sonoma Wednesday.

Jep. Valenti is down from Jackson, Amador county to spend the holidays. Mr. Valenti is engaged in a store at that place.

The new choir of the Congregational church is now an assured success as Mrs. Dr. Davis has it in charge and everything undertaken by her is crowned with success.

County Superintent Neilson apportioned this week to the different school districts of Sonoma county $31,150.00, which is the first apportionment for the present school year.

Our special on flour at 90 cts. as advertised two weeks ago runs out this week. Tomorrow, Saturday, is the last day. Next week the same flour will cost you 95 cents. Weems' Cash Store

Claud Burlingame, of Soda Bay, is in Sonoma spending a few days spending a few days during the holidays, the guest of the Appleton family. Mr. Burlingame is the proprietor of the Soda Bay resort.

John Coops who lives out on the Napa road, was in town Tuesday and made several purchases. From the way things looked when he was buying the goods old Santa Claus intends visiting his household.

J. Roderick ten Bosch, of San Francisco, who is spending the Christmas week at Locust Grove paid the NEWS office a very pleasant call Wednesday. Mr. ten Bosch is a brother of the young man who founded this paper and is at present working in the office of the Mechanics' Directory, a corporation recently started.

A. H. Chessmore, of Sonoma, Calif., arrived in Medford last Thursday evening. Mr. Chessmore is the gentleman who purchased the Thompson property in East Medford and will bring his family here soon for permanent residence. Mr. C. has not yet determined what business he will embark in, but will no doubt find something to suit him.—*Monitor Minor.*

The new Catholic church at Sebastopol was dedicated last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. His Grace the most Rev. Archbishop Riordan conducted the servces in the presence of a large audience and was ably assisted by a large number of priests from the surrounding parishes. The members of the church were highly congratulated on the erection of the edifice.

The appointment of W. O. Hawker to the principalship of Sonoma public school will undoubtedly meet the approval of the entire community. The trustees certainly had a hard task before them when it came to making a choice, as there were twenty-one applications for the position. Mr. Hawker acted as substitute for two months in the schools during Prof. Goodwin's absence while the latter was east, since which time he has been running a night school in the Weyl hall which has also proven a success and has been a great advantage to a large number who wished to take a business course.

Congregational Church, Sunday Dec. 25, Services at 11 a. m. subject "Good Tidings of Great Joy." Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 7. 30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

CHAS. D. MILLIKEN, Pastor.

Services at the M. E. church, Sunday Dec. 25th, at 11 a. m., subject "The Birth of Christ." Evening, "His Glorious Gospel." The church next Sunday at all services will be warmed. The public always invited and welcome.

E. E. THOMPSON, Pastor.

Kirk's Choice of Deputies.

Superintendent of Public Instruction elect T. J. Kirk has made known those who will help share the work in that office at Sacramento for the next term, among whom are County Superintendent Nielson, of this county, Job Wood Jr., county superintendent of Monterey county and Mrs. T. J. Kirk who is chief deputy in Mr. Kirk's office at Fresno.

E. M. Stone. who is now chief deputy in the office, will remain during the month of January and E. M. Atkinson, another attache of the office will probably remain indefinitely. Sam Chavers, a colored man of Fresno will act as Mr. Kirk's porter.

SOCIALLY A SUCCESS

Were the Entertainments at Union Hall Last Week.

The entertainments given by the Epworth League at Union Hall last Friday and Saturday eveniugs were a succes socially in the fullest sense of the word and were justly deserving of a much larger support than was given them. But notwithstanding the slim attendance at the last evening's entertainment, the receipts have turned out very well and the Leaguers are well satisfied.

Among the special attractions on the program were the Misses May and Blanche Walker, Alice M. Armstrong and Lydia Jacob who performed their parts exceedingly well and should any of them ever return to our little city they will undoubtedly draw a full house. Miss Jacob's recitation of the "Chariot race" was filled with force and effect to such an extent that one could almost hear the noise made by the hoofs of the spirited steeds of the contestants in the race as they neared the goals. The instrumental solos by the Walker Sisters were very fine indeed and were so highly appreciated that one would not satisfy the audience and on every occasion the performers were compelled to answer the hearty enchors. The lovers of vocal music who attended this affair surely had a treat when they heard Alice M. Armstrong warble those selections which she had chosen for these evenings. Not only was the singing good and showed fine voice and culture, but splendid taste in all her selections.

The home talent of the program was very good and reflects much credit upon the program committee for having made such good selections. At these entertainments the living pictures presented were all original and we believe the best was the one entitled "Success of a Long Argument," which was presented by three persons, a Spaniard on his bended knees, holding both hands aloft with his machete resting loosely in them, while before him was Uncle Sam with his long musket aiming directly at the unfortunate Spaniard, while a Navy representative was standing a little closer with a drawn sword, thus compelling Spain to yield to Uncle Sam's long argument.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program each evening. A booth was erected in the hall and well supplied with sweets of excellent quility which were sold very reasonably.

Those who failed to attend cannot conceive of what they missed in failing to be present and we would suggest that another similar entertainment be given before long.

Christmas Entertainment.

The children's Christmas exercises at the Congregational church were held Thursday afternoon in the presence of a large audience of children, their parents and friends. A very appropriate program was rendered by the girls and boys of the Sunday school consisting of songs and recitations. At its close the bells of Santa began to ring from the chimney, and suddenly he walked out of the fire place heavily laden and was at once surrounded, attacked and dismantled, being allowed only to depart on the promise that he would return again next year.

A tree brilliantly lighted filled one corner, while the chimney occupied the other from which old Santa Claus had come.

Are the Whisperings True?

Something in the elements seems to indicate that the price of chickens must be high according to the roosts that are reported having been robbed lately.

While the weather is very chilly at night it is whispered in the wind that Sonoma is soon to have an ice plant. Do you believe it?

More Pheasants for this County.

On Tuesday the State fish commission will ship to District Attorney Emmet Seawell a large coop of Chinese pheasants.

Mr. Seawell will see to it that the birds are liberated in portions of the county where they will best thrive and where they are likely to be protected from unprincipled hunters.—*Republican.*

A Business Change.

About Jan. 15th, a new business firm will occupy the Racket store of Petaluma. The Store at present contains a large stock of goods which will be turned into cash as rapidly as possible. A chance for people to buy goods cheap.

CHRISTMAS GATHERINGS.

Christmas festivities will be held at the Congregational church next Friday evening. A tree and entertainment will be among the principal features.

Mrs. C. E. Martens and Mrs. Chas. J. Poppe visited Santa Rosa last Tuesday.

Miss. Sara Cady, who is attending the state Univeristy at Berkeley is enjoying a brief visit to her father, M. K. Cady, of this place.

A very interesting and ejoyable entertainment was given by the Lynn Family at the Mervyn Hotel last Saturday evening.

N. R. Hansen has arranged for a grand turkey shoot next Sunday.

The Trustees of the school district have decided to replaster the school rooms, a work that was much needed. Chas. Ruffner, of Sonoma, will do the work.

Mr. McTagert Jr. who is living on the Clark farm, was accidentally cut on the wrist one day last week by a chisel. He is gradually improving.

Christmas trees, moss and berries are being shipped to San Francisco in large quantities. These articles are quite numerous this year.

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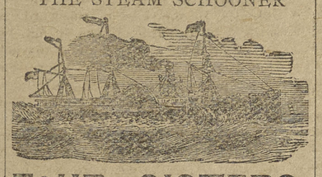
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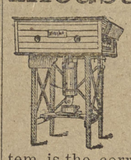
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At 6 this evening Captain Norris coming on board this ship (the flagship), my Lord Hamilton, Captain Ley, Captain Wishart and Captain Trevor were standing on the quarter deck, and as Captain Norris came up Lord Hamilton asked him if he had taken any more wine or brandy. The other answered no, upon which Captain Trevor asked the price of his claret, whether he might have any at 4 li. a hogshead. Norris said he would have 6 li. or salt water, and then Captain Ley said he would rather the prizes were ashore than he would give 6 li. the hogshead; upon which Captain Norris said he was a rascal that wished his prizes ashore. The other replied he was a rascal, if he called him so, and then Captain Norris struck Captain Ley and threw him over the gun, which Mr. Hopson hearing, as he and I were in my cabin, ran out and upon inquiry found he (Norris) had hurt Captain Ley, and by the admiral's directions ordered him to be confined, upon which Captain Norris drew his sword and offered to stab Captain Ley, but Admiral Hopson, holding his hand, ordered him to be disarmed and confined in Mr. Rayney's cabin.—"Journal of Sir John Rooke."

The Flanking Movement.

No battle plans have been more generally used than the flanking movements intended to overwhelm one end of an opponent's fighting line, to the great and probably fatal weakening of the rest of his position. The Confederates used these tactics in their most successful battles of the civil war, and it is worthy of notice that their attacks which were particularly daring and successful were almost invariably made against the Federal right wing.

The troubles peculiar to that unlucky part of the northern armies began at Bull Run, and continued, east and west, for over two years. At that battle the Federal right wing made a well planned movement against the Confederate left. Both sides fought well for new troops, "Stonewall" Jackson earning his battle name by the resistance he and his men made to the attack against them, but the Federals had gained ground and were still advancing, when fresh Confederate forces fell on the regiments at the right end of their line of battle. The historical stampede that followed was an unfortunate but perfectly natural result. — "The Unlucky Right Wing," by Gilbert Tompkins, in North American Review.

RAILROAD TRAINS TO RUN SLOWER.

Railroad officials claim that it is very expensive to run their express trains, and are talking about reducing the speed. It is likewise expensive to the health to struggle and compete in business affairs as men do nowadays. The whole system gives out. For restoring strength, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the proper remedy.

An Appreciative Reader.

Thomas Scott, the celebrated commentator on the Bible, published an edition of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" with explanatory notes. A copy of this work he benevolently presented to one of his poor parishioners. Meeting him soon after, Mr. Scott inquired whether he had read it.

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A Few Sensible Hints to Suit the Busy Agriculturist.—Items That May Benefit our Readers.

The Fig Situation.

The reports that the crop of Smyrna figs would be exceedingly short this year, probably not more than 25 per cent of an average crop, caused an active demand early in the season, with the result that what was carried over from last year in ice-houses was promptly bought up and about everything in the way of new crop on the way or landed in New York found a ready market, even at the high prices demanded for layers and bags. Owing to the short Turkish crop, everything that could be made into layers was utilized for that purpose. Consequently, the supply of bag figs from Smyrna has been exceptionally small and domestic packers have had to look to other sources of supply. These, says the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin of November 14, were found in Portugal and Spain, and though in ordinary circumstances the fruit from those countries does not meet with much favor in the United States, this year they have been freely purchased and seem to give satisfaction, one special element in their favor being that their cost compared with the Turkish product, or even California fruit, is low.

Most of the California goods are being packed in one-pound bricks, and in that form seem to find a ready sale to consumers. Layer figs in boxes have been and will be throughout the season a scarce commodity. California has to some extent supplied the shortage in the imported variety, but the bulk of the stock received has been packed in one-pound bricks. The best fruit has come from the northern part of the State, and in texture, and flavor has compared favorably with the imported figs, but the objection made against the average California fig by consumers is that it is thick skinned and is deficient in flavor and sweetness, and until a considerable improvement in these respects is made, the opinion among eastern handlers seems to be that it will be difficult to induce consumers to take them as a substitute, even temporarily, for the imported fruit. California, it is claimed, now has an exceptionally good opportunity to introduce her figs in the eastern markets, but while buyers at present may be disposed to pay comparatively high prices for them, because of the short Smyrna crop, next year, if there is a good output of the latter, the Californias my find it a very difficult matter to maintain a foothold in the eastern markets, unless they materially improve the quality of their fruit in texture and flavor, and are ready to market them here at reasonable prices.

Marketing Fruit.

The question of marketing dried fruit was discussed at considerable length in the State Fruit Growers' Convention at Fresno. A. R. Sprague of Los Angeles brought the matter before the convention in practical form by introducing the following resolutions, the adoption of which he moved:

"Resolved, That this convention approves the following plans for co-operative organizations of the dried fruit industy:

"First—Local organizations to be formed for grading and packing fruits in which all fruit is pooled and credited to each member according to its proper grade.

"Second—These local associations to be centralized into an exchange which shall see the whole output of all the local associations. When more convenient, the local associations to be grouped into a county or district exchange and these county or district exchanges to be the connecting link between the local associations and the central exchange.

"At the earliest possible time all the fruit interests of the State should be consolidated so as to secure all of the economies possible to such organization and the advancement of the interests of all the fruit-growers of the State.

"To these ends we earnestly recommend that conventions be called in the several fruit-growing districts not now co-operatively organized to enter at once upon the work; these conventions to be called upon the authority of twenty or more fruit-growers, and methods and means of forming local organizations to be determined by the convention."

These resolutions brought forth a long discussion, covering a wide range. There was a considerable amount of opposition to the plan, because it involved the marketing of all California fruit through a central agency. The discussion was finally confined to dried fruits, and the resolutions were adopted.

Keeping Milk in Hot Weather.

Many patrons of creameries and cheese factories cannot keep their milk sweet for the daily delivery, and more lose Saturday night's and Sunday morning's milk—one-seventh of their entire product. This loss is unnecessary, and can be prevented by care that can be given on any farm.

The souring of milk is caused by bacteria which are in the dirt on the cow's udder, milkers' hands, pails, strainer and cans, and in the dust in the air. Under favorable conditions these bacteria double every twenty minutes, and a single germ in a pail of warm milk inceases to eight germs in an hour, sixty-four in two hours, 4096 in four hours and at the end of twelve hours, if the growth was unchecked, it would require eleven figures to write the number of bacteria springing from a single germ. With careless milking 505,000 germs have been found in a cubic inch of fresh milk.

The first step in keeping milk sweet is to get it clean; i. e., free from bacteria. Clean dairy utensils by rinsing in lukewarm water, then thoroughly scrub in hot water and scald with boiling water or steam and expose to the sunlight. Boiling water and sunlight kill the germs found in dirt in pails and cans. Just before milking the milker should wash his hands in hot water, as the dirt on the hands is full of germs. We milk in a pail that has a top soldered to the sides. In the top a six-inch hole is cut, into which fits a strainer. The strainer is taken out to be washed, and the opening gives room for washing the pail. This pail keeps bacteria in the fine dust from the cow's body from getting in the milk. Brush the cows' udder with a damp cloth just before milking, and milk in a place free from dust. Strain the milk through the ordinary wire screen and through one thickness of canton flannel or four thicknesses of cheese cloth, treating the cloth with boiling water just before using. This method will give milk with few germs.

Cool milk as soon as drawn, for if kept twenty or thirty minutes before cooling the souring germs in it may double. The colder milk is kept the longer it will keep sweet. Milk held at 40 degrees has been kept sweet a week in August. The germs which sour milk grow best at blood heat, at 60 degrees growth is slow, at 50 very slow, and at 39 it stops. Water in wells stands at about 57 degrees. With it clean milk can be cooled and held at 60 degrees and kept sweet easily thirty-six to forty-eight hours in our hottest weather. The best method of cooling is to use a cooler in which the milk flows over a chilled surface in drops, cooling each drop thoroughly and quickly.

After the milk is cooled put the cans containing it in a tank of cold water and keep at 60 degrees or less. If the dairyman has a windmill this is easily done by letting a small stream of fresh water down through the tank. At the Agricultural College milk is kept good forty eight hours without either ice or windmill. The milk is cooled to 60 degrees on a Star Cooler with well water, put in forty-quart cans and the cans set in half barrels filled with well water. The barrels are packed with chaff and the water changed night and morning. Dairymen living a long distance from the creamery or having little milk can follow the college methods and deliver their milk in good condition every other day, saving a heavy expense for hauling.

Color in Horses.

As has been frequently written, color is simply a matter of taste in the individual. In one sense of the word, any color is fashionable, if the animal possesses superior qualities of a character that attracts the buyer. There have been "many men of many minds;" it was wisely ordained that there should be various shades of color in the horse—man's best friend in the animal kingdom. How unattractive would the equine race prove were all horses of the same shade of bay—that most stable of all fashionable colors. Variety being necessary to man's comfort and happiness, we should cultivate the more frequent use of the horse, no matter what his color. Encourage humanity in love for the useful horse and leave the individual his right to select such color as best suits his fancy. Western breeders will not waste their time in an effort to settle the point whether an animal should be a bay, a brown, a roan or a dun.—Ex.

Grain for Horses.

Prof. Thomas Shaw of the Minnesota experiment station writes on the value of corn, oats and bran for horses, and says the proportions of corn and oats which are best for working horses will depend somewhat upon the nature of the work and somewhat upon the season of the year. The harder the horse is being worked, it would be correct to say, the larger the proportion of corn that may be given to him, and the colder the weather, the more corn, relatively, he may be fed. But to keep the system in tone he should be given oats and corn, and in summer on a grain ration one-third or one-half of which is corn. But if one-fourth or one-fifth of the grain fed is bran, there is much less danger of digestive derangement than when bran is not fed. So advantageous is bran to the grain food that the aim should be to feed some of it during much of the year. The proportions named above relate to shelled corn and to weight rather than bulk. It would not be very material whether the corn, oats and bran are all mixed before feeding or whether they are fed separately.

Zante Currants.

The raisin-growers of the San Joaquin Valley are much worked up over the proposition made in the President's message to the effect that the restoration of Zante currants to the free list is under consideration. The California Raisin-Growers' Association has taken up the matter and has telegraphed to all fruit and raisin associations throughout the State, urging them to send forward protests to Washington. This has been done by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Zante currants, being nothing else than small cured grapes, come into direct competition with California raisins, which have been selling at unremunerative prices for several years, so it is not surprising that the raisin men should feel that the admission of these currants free of duty would be unjust to an important industry.

Feed for Poultry.

Mr. Nissen of Sonoma county, a well-known poultryman, feeds his fowls by filling the feed hoppers with grain as they become empty, using wheat when it does not cost more than 20 per cent more than corn. He gives a soft mash every other day, making it of whatever suitable food, cooked or uncooked, can be had cheapest, including shorts, meat, milk, beans, peas or potatoes. For water he fills a ten-gallon fountain every other day. He keeps the fowls in colonies of 100, each supplied with two roosting-houses and one egg-house, the latter containing the feed hoppers. All the houses are on runners and are moved once or twice a month. The fowls have a free run.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Cannibals Feast on Belgians.

Antwerp.—The steamer Leopoldville, which has just arrived here from Africa with Congo advices, reports that four Belgian traders have been killed and eaten by the natives of upper Ubanghi. A punitive force, it is also said, has been dispatched to that district.

LOSING HIS HOLD.

Aguinaldo's Power of the Philippines on the Wane.

EXCESSIVE TAXATION THE TROUBLE.

Dewey Discusses the Situation—The Admiral Is Confident of His Ability to Hold the Islands.

Manila—The popularity of Aguinaldo is waning. Excessive taxation of rich natives and constant demands for money have weakened him, and the majority of natives now favor American government. The policy of the rebel chief has been such that he has estranged a large and influential class of the natives.

Rear Admiral Dewey, when a correspondent called upon him, received him courteously and pleasantly, but absolutely declined to discuss the political situation in the Philippine islands, on the ground that his sphere was purely naval. The Admiral seldom goes ashore, and insisted that his interviewer was in a better position to acquire information than himself. He then proceeded to cross-examine the correspondent about everything ashore. He was glad to learn the insurgents were releasing the sick Spanish soldiers they held prisoners, notwithstanding Aguinaldo's grandiloquent refusal to do so. This proves that the insurgents are very conciliatory in spite of their defiant talk.

Admiral Dewey always believed that the insurgents were friendly, and especially since the war ships of our fleet have visited the different ports of those islands, and since some of our officers have made tours inland, carefully investigating popular sentiment and judiciously preaching the gospel of peaceful settlement everywhere, with highly satisfactory results. A few influential Filipinos, in an ambitious attempt at self-advancement, are clamoring for independence, though unable to realize its true meaning. They are utterly ignorant of the difference between the name and the reality.

The agitators here invariably admit that they would be unable to stand without American protection. But in spite of this they continue their meaningless outcry for independence and may possibly create trouble. The Admiral, however, believes this to be improbable at the present juncture, though every trifling incident counts. However, every day that passes without a conflict means so much gain, because the friendly feeling is steadily increasing, the incipient roughness is disappearing and the agitators are weakening.

The newspapers of Manila are doing particularly valuable work in the simultaneous publication of conciliatory articles printed in Spanish and in English. This course is looked upon as being certain to eliminate the ill feeling which has existed here.

It is the opinion of the Admiral that it would be advisable for the United States to pay insurgent troops their arrears of wages. The whole amount would be a comparatively trifling sum, and the payment of the troops would have a valuable effect, and may save incalculable trouble.

Admiral Dewey was strongly convinced that the insurgents deserve acknowledgment. He is a believer in the practicability of liberal measures in the direction of local autonomy.

Regarding the possibility of international complications, Admiral Dewey said: "Prior to the arrival of the monitors I felt uneasy, but now I am ready to hold this position against the whole earth."

Gun Plant for the West.

Washington.—The successful tests of the Gatling cast-iron and steel guns for the purposes of making and trying which the Senate Appropriation Committee put into the approriation bill $60,000, will mean that years of endeavor to secure a gun factory for the Pacific Coast are near to bearing fruit. In the event of the success of the cast-iron guns it is the intention of the Pacific Coast representatives to push plans for the establishment of a foundry in California. The reports of the first tests of the guns sent to the Sandy Hook proving grounds are that they have stood all tests without being strained by the immense pressures obtained, and confidence is expressed by those who have been in charge of the investigations that cast guns will prove the coming ordnance.

Patti's Wedding Day Set.

New York.—A cable to the Sun from London says: The Manchester Courier says that February 25th is the date fixed for the marriage of Mme. Patti to Baron von Cederstrom, which will take place at Neath, Wales. Immediately after the ceremony the pair, accompanied by a small wedding party, will take the train for London. According to present arrangements the wedding breakfast will be served in a special saloon car. Baron von Cederstrom is about to become a naturalized British subject.

Revolution in Bolivia.

Lima (Peru).—Advices received here confirm the report of a revolution in the Bolivian republic. A board of government has been formed at La Paz, capital of Bolivia, composed of Senor Rerapis Reyes Ortiz, prefect of the department of La Paz; Colonel Pando and Senor Macario Pinilla, Minister of the Interior and Justice in the Cabinet formed by Senor Covero Fernandez Alonzeo, President of Bolivia, in August, 1896. President Alonzeo is now at Cruco organizing the Government's forces to suppress the rebellion.

Linseed Oil Decision.

Chicago.—The suit of James H. Garver, a stockholder in the National Linseed Oil Company, to restrain the officers of that company from turning over its property to the American Linseed Oil Company, was decided in favor of the latter company in the Circuit Court, the injunction asked for being denied. It was asserted by the Court that a large part of the alleged indebtedness of $2,750,000 of the National Linseed Oil Company was fictitious.

A Remarkable Lake.

The most remarkable body of water in the world lies in the vicinity of the Colorado river, in southern California. In this region of ugly volcanoes, desolate wastes and slimy swamps, the strangest phenomenon of all is what the naturalists call a "lake of ink." No other description fits as well.

The strange black fluid that forms the lake bears no resemblance to water.

The pool of ink is situated about half a mile from a volcano. It is about an acre in area. The surface is coated with gray ashes from the volcanoes to the thickness of about six inches, thus concealing its real nature.

Experience has proved that the black fluid of the lake is not poisonous. It acts as a dye, and cotton goods soaked in it keep their color for months, even when exposed to the sun. They also acquire a stiffness similar to that produced by weak starch. The fluid has been analyzed, but its component parts have not been made known. As to the source of the supply of the lake, nothing definite has been ascertained. It is undoubtedly of volcanic origin, but nothing more definite is known.

This is a bad land that has never been traversed. Human beings have tried it, but they never return to tell of their experience or their discoveries.—Louisville Post.

An Italian Peasant.

The Poletti's little cottage stands in a field and is semidetached. Like many of their class in Italy, they have a great love for and pride in their home. The furniture is well polished, the tools and utensils arranged with an attempt at decoration, and all is clean and neat. It is a two roomed house. On the ground floor is the kitchen, where the boy's bed stands under the stair which leads to the upper room. Here are two large beds, one for the parents, the other for the two girls.

In the kitchen stand a walnut wood table and a sideboard of antique design, an heirloom of the mother's; a walnut chest holds the bed and table linen and another old chest the best clothes; the everyday clothes are kept in a chest up stairs. They try to add something every year to the house linen. Sometimes the mother and daughters beg the use of a little plot of ground, which they sow with flax, and the year following they spin and weave it themselves, borrowing a loom from a farmer. Their stock compares favorably with that of the better off English cottager, to say nothing of the quality of this homemade linen compared to that bought cheap at a country shop.—Fortnightly Review.

A Serious Omission.

"Here's something queer," said the man who is always looking for flaws.

"What's that?" asked the man who was reading the news over the other's shoulder.

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For song sparrow tinkling, and below
July's green lap is full of snow,
Is drifted rich with white and pink,
Of bouncing bet from brink to brink;
The haunted air resounds between
With humming birds, obscure and keen,
Like burnt out stars that dart and float,
With but a last fire to the throat.
You saw but common summer flowers?
Heard but a hum that drowsed the hours?
Your blood leaped not nor shook your heart?
Ah, well, I know no other chart!
The path is for your feet as far
As that which lessens to a star.
—J. Russell Taylor in Century.

A Greek Genius.

Diamandi, a native of Pylaros, one of the Greek islands, is a remarkable calculator. After a mere glance at a blackboard on which 30 groups of figures are written he can repeat them in any order and deal with them by any arithmetical process. It is said that he never makes an error in calculations involving billions, and he can extract square or cube roots with marvelous rapidity and accuracy. An eminent German specialist declared the other day that all these ready reckoners were idiots. This is not the case with Diamandi, who writes poetry and novels in the intervals of business and shows considerable intellectual capacity.

Effective Reflecting.

"It is so sudden!" exclaimed the fair haired girl, who had just received a proposal to merge her identity in that of a would be protector. "You must give me time to reflect."

"No, no," retorted the diplomatic young man. "One whose dazzling beauty makes a mirror ashamed of itself should never go into the reflecting business. Let this solitaire diamond do the reflecting."

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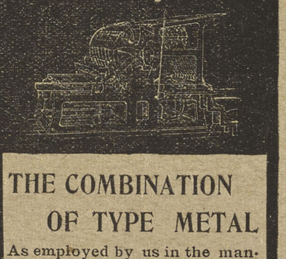

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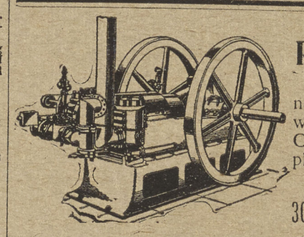

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